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11 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
12 FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
(SAN JOSE DIVISION)

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14 CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY,)
et al.,)
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Plaintiffs,) Case No: 5:04-cv-4736-JF
16 v.)
17 BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, et)
al.,)
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Defendants,)
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and)
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SALINAS RAMBLERS MOTORCYCLE)
CLUB, et al.,)
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Defendant-Intervenors)
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**STIPULATED REQUEST FOR
ORDER CHANGING TIME
PURSUANT TO CIV. L.R. 6-2**

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STIPULATION

Pursuant to Civil Local Rules 6-2 and 7-12, Plaintiffs, Center for Biological Diversity, et al., and Federal Defendants, Bureau of Land Management, et al., respectfully request that this Court alter Plaintiffs' deadline for filing an attorneys' fees motion, from September 8, 2006, to October 13, 2006.

On August 31, 2006, the Court issued an Order granting Plaintiffs' request for an extension for an enlargement of time to file a motion for attorneys fees and set a deadline of September 8, 2006, for Plaintiffs' to file a motion for attorneys' fees. See Order (Dkt. #148). In light of the strong public policy in encouraging settlement of attorneys' fees, see Hensley v. Eckerhart, 461 U.S. 424, 437 (1983) ("Ideally, of course, litigants will settle the amount of a fee."); Gisbrecht v. Barnhart, 535 U.S. 789, 801-02 (2002) (same); McDermott, Inc. v. AmClyde, 511 U.S. 202, 215 (1994) ("public policy wisely encourages settlement"), Plaintiffs and Defendants have conferred and agreed to enter into settlement discussions over Plaintiffs' entitlement to and amount of any attorneys' fees award in this case. Accordingly, in order to afford the Parties an opportunity to engage in meaningful settlement discussions, the Parties respectfully request that the Court alter the deadline established in its August 31, 2006, Order, from September 8, 2006 until October 13, 2006.

Dated: September 1, 2006

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14 PURSUANT TO STIPULATION, IT IS SO ORDERED,
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21 United States District Judge
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